

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 190
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Thomas Boggs upon his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary entrepreneurial efforts, have distinguished themselves as successful business professionals and benevolent community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Thomas Boggs, who will be inducted into the Society of Entrepreneurs on April 16, 2005, a fitting honor recognizing his success, hard work, and community service; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs was founded in 1991 to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contribution of entrepreneurs to business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs' purpose is to promote the general welfare of the community, to further the public good, and to further education in Tennessee through the creation, development, and implementation of various community programs which recognize and encourage the efforts of entrepreneurs in business and in the local, national, and international community; and

WHEREAS, choosing only four new members in 2005, the Society of Entrepreneurs has selected mature business leaders who have exhibited personal business achievement, self direction, leadership, personal integrity, determination, creativity, and the ability to transform a vision into a dynamic business achievement; and

WHEREAS, after pursuing a music career, Mr. Boggs returned to school to finish his degree in history; while in college, he waited tables at T.G.I. Friday's and, after attaining a degree, worked in the corporate offices of T.G.I. Friday's in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, after working for T.G.I. Friday's for a number of years, Mr. Boggs moved back to Memphis and began working as a bartender at Huey's; quickly moving into a management position, he became a partner two years later; and

WHEREAS, Huey's now has seven location in the Memphis area, and Thomas Boggs, President and Executive Officer of Huey's, is also CEO and a minority owner of Folk's Folly, a minority owner of Tsunami, and a minority owner of two Half Shell restaurants; and

WHEREAS, evincing his deep commitment to community service and benevolence, Mr. Boggs is a board member and past President of the Memphis Zoological Society, co-Chair of the Blues Ball Food and Beverage Committee, an advisory board member of the Memphis Food Bank, a member and past President to the Memphis Restaurant Association, a board member and past Chair of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a board member and past Chairperson of Memphis in May; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of any true Tennessean, Thomas Boggs is both a consummate professional and a model public servant who shares his many talents with those around him; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Thomas Boggs for his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Thomas Boggs for his entrepreneurial creativity and success, congratulate him upon his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.